

<i>Name of Circle</i>	<i>No. of MO/TMO COMPLAINTS received</i>	<i>Delay in payment</i>	<i>Loss</i>
Maharashtra	7577	622	205
M.P.	2839	271	5
N.E.	1692	97	104
Orissa	833	243	3
Punjab	2925	1449	432
Rajasthan	1313	355	68
Tamil Nadu	3191	420	47
U.P.	8099	5194	73
W.B.	5879	3418	29

Theft of Telephone Cables in Country

(d) the steps taken by the Government are as under :

3997. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of theft of telephone cables have come to notice in the country during this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the total loss suffered as a result thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the government to check recurrence of such incidents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(i) Regular lodging of FIR with the police and keeping close co-ordination.

(ii) Patrolling of cable routes

(iii) Locking of cabinets/pillars.

(iv) Welding/locking of man-hole covers.

Irregularities in Functioning of A.I.R., Ratnagiri

3998. SHRI GOVIDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received by the Government about irregularities in the functioning of All India Radio, Ratnagiri;